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The Printer, *To the* Reader.

KInd Reader, Thou art here Presented with a small *History*, which I hope will prove to thy good liking: It is all new Invention, never before Printed, nor Published, and will take thee but one houre (of the time which thou sets apart for thy Recreation) to perus'e it.

The Author had an intention to have enlarg'd it, if unexpected occasions had not prevented him. But it is an old saying, *That the wing of a Larke, is better then the*

whole body of a Kite: So it may be, this short Piece, may please thee better then a great deal of worse matter. I am the more confident, because I have known, as bad as this, which hath been kindly accepted. However it be, when thou hast read it, censure it with discretion, and the Author will endeavour to please thee better in the next.

And so Farewell.

The Pleasant and Delightfull HISTORY OF *FLORIDON* and *LUCINA*.

CHAPTER I.

Containing an admirable description of *Lovers Paradice*, with the incomparable Pleasures and Delights which that place affords.

ONe Morning early, when Beauteous Aurora had newly displaid her radiant beams, to revive and comfort poore drooping Mortalls; I walked into a pleasant Meadow, near to a delightful shady Grove; where I chanced to espye a beaten path, which led me through this Solitary Shade into a place of

of pleasure, frequented by none but Amorous Lovers. It was called Loves Paradice; A place incomparably furnish't with all the rare delights that could possibly be desired. O in what Rich Array stood the flourishing Arbours, beseck't with all sorts of fragrant Flowers and Garlands. Every the Roses and Gilly flowers appeared in their greatest Beauty, and the murmuring Springs did much delight the Senses of these Joyfull Lovers.

Here was no admittance for rough Martialists, nor Melancholy Saturnists, such humours were nothing at all agreable to the dispositions of these sweet souls.

Nor was it any small delight, to see the Lovers walk Hand in Hand from one Spring to another, and from one Arbour to another, free from the least dread or danger that might befall them. Their chaste imbraces were so sweet, and all their Actions so Innocent, their Love so Constant, and their Affection so Pure; that they appear'd like so many Deities willing to delight each other.

The Grove abounded with Birds of all sorts, which with their melodious Harmony, did Ravish the Hearts and Ears of all that heard them. How happy are those chaste Lovers that enjoy such abundance of contents, without the least spot of stayned affection. Never was a Sweeter place framed by Nature, nor never was there more content found then in this place. I stood amazed to behold the rarity of this second Elizium, and to hear the little Birds warble forth their inticeing Harmony.

Many were the Fountains, Springs, and Rivolets, that were beset about with Trees and Vines, to shade them from the parching heat in Summer, and to defend them from the nipping cold in Winter.

In a pleasant Grove in view standing, you might behold the weeping Statues of all such Lovers, as had been devided either by death or misfortune: where the rest of the Lovers did usually once a day let fall some Teares, compassionating the remembrance of their former sufferies.

Not farr from this place stood a Famous Temple Dedicated to Diana, in which they offered Sacrifice with great Solemnity: returning from thence, they repaired to certain

Banquet-ing

Banquitting houses, richly furnished with all variety of delights, fit for their Pastime and Recreation.

Some play'd on rare Instruments of Musick, whilst others walked out to gather Flowers to deck their flourishing Garlands, some were angling for the nibling Fishes in the Christall Brooks, whilst others were retired into private Arbours to discourse with their dearest Lovers. Marvelous was the variety of pleasure, that this place afforded to delight the senses of these Amorous Fancies.

Whilst I stood admiring at their enjoyments, I chanced to hear a pleasing Melody from one of the remote Arbours, which caused me to draw somthing nearer, where I perceived it to proceed from the sweet voice of an incomparable Beauty, who being all alone, not thinking she had been heard, warbled forth this short but mournfull Ditty for the absence of her Lover.

Shall I lament and mourn alone,
Whilst other Lovers do rejoyce,
O! where is my dear *Floridon*,
These I cannot hear his sweet voice
It would revive my love-sick heart
And force all sorrows to depart;
Some strange disaster doth detain
My dearest love from me this time
I'me sure he constant will remain,
His love is fixt and so is mine,

Then why do I thus pine away,
Since long from me he cannot stay.

This lamentation proceeded from the fair Lucina, the occasion of her coming here, you shall finde hereafter.

Chapter II.

How *Floridon* and *Lucina*, by frequenting Loves Paradice, became Inammored of each other; and appointed their Wedding day: and how *Floridon* was surpriz'd by a company of Out-laws, and carried to a Cave in a solitary desart.

The Fame of this new found Paradise, being spread about all the Province of Arcadia, caused whole troops of Lovers to resort thither, for to recreate themselves with the abundant pleasures that this place afforded.

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Whilst happy did they count themselves that enjoy'd their dearest Mates, but most unhappy were they, which had not the opportunity to bear a part in this Amorous Society.

The most remarkable pair that frequented this place of pleasure, was the constant Floridon and fair Lucina.

This Floridon was a Person of great Power and Quality in those parts, for he was richly endow'd with natures gifts, and his dear Lucina was nothing inferiour to him, either in Birth or Desert. They lived but a small distance from each other, by which means, they had oftner meetings, and opportunities more frequently, to repair to Loves Paradice; where they injoy'd all the happy content that chaste Lovers could wish or desire.

In this natural Delight, they passed their time, for some years; till at the last, they desired a more reall injoyment of each other, and so conferring upon a time for solemnizing their nuptialls; they resolv'd after a small season, to bid adieu to this Sweet Society of Lovers. (For you must note, that after Marriage, none was to be admitted into Loves Paradice.)

This resolution of theirs, was applauded and confirmed by the generall consent of all their Relations; so that there was nothing [illegible] but an expectation of that joyfull day, which they had already appointed: but marke how Fortune crosses their intentions, when they were even in the very height of their chiefest hopes.

As Floridon was walking one evening alone to visit his beloved Lucina; he was set upon at unawares by a company of boisterous Out-law's, who bound him upon a Horse, and carried him into a solitary Desart, about some twelve miles distant from his own habitation: In the thickest part of this Wood, there was a Cave of a vast bignesse, into which these Robbers did retire, where they had several Roomes; some for their own Lodgings, and others to bestow their Booties in; into one of which, they put poore Floridon, being loath to put him to death, because they had hopes to make a better prize of him.

These Robbers had one amongst them, which was their Captain, to whom they were all subject; he had formerly

been a Gentleman of good Ranke, but having consumed his Estate, was forced to this kinde of unlawful ffding. He had a Woman of a rare Beauty in y Cave with him, who n he kept in a manner as a Paillarde, the had a great power over him, and could almost perswade him to execute her will in any thing.

This Gentil woman took great liking to Floridon at the first sight, which was y chief cause that he found better usage then others had done before him; nevertheless his lodging was very hard, and his allowance poore and small.

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CHAP. III.

How *Floridon* bewailed his sad condition in the Cave, and how *Isabella* endeavoured to comfort him with hopes of Release.

THe next Morning very early these free booters, went abroad to look out for another prize, and left the care of the Prisoner to the Gentlewoman and two servants; but she who had viewd the comely person of Floridon, and perceiving him to be of no mean Quality; thought the time long until she might have some discourse with him, intending withall to work his releasse, provided she could finde him conformable to her desires: To that end and purpose she went to the Prison doore, where before she could enter, she might hear him lamenting his sad misfortune, in these or the like expressions.

O miserable and thrice unhappy *Floridon*, that from the height of Felicity art plunged into the bottome of dispair;

How am I become wretched, at the ſame inſtant that I expected my greateſt happineſſe? O my Dear *Lucina*! Thy abſcence doth more torment me, then either my Impriſonment or death it ſelf.

What comfort can I receive now I am deprived of thy ſweet ſociety, which is as dear to me as my own ſoul. To whom wilt thou reveal thy ſorrow for my ſtrange departure, or how ſhalt thou be informed of my ſad miſchance?

Here do I languiſh in the Cuſtody of cruel and barbarous villains, which may perhaps after a tedious impriſonment, expoſe me to an Ignominious and ſhamefull death.

But however they ſhall be permitted to deal with me, yet ſhall my true affection to thee my Dear *Lucina* remain for ever firm and conſtant.

Iſabella (for ſo was the Gentlewoman called) hearing his dolorous complaint, was ſtruck into amazment, for whereas ſhe had ſome hopes before to gain his conſent to conduct her into Sicily by procuring his releaſe, ſhe was now almoſt driven into diſpair, perceiving that his love was ſo firm and conſtant to his *Lucina*, that he would never be won to forſake Arcadia, however ſhe reſolved to make tryal, if ſhe could perſwade him by any poſſible means. So ſhe unlocked the Priſon doore and went in, where ſhe found helpleſſe Floridon, bewailing his condition without any hopes of redreſſe.

Iſabella ſeeing him thus overcome with Melancholy, began to comfort him in this manner. How now *Sir*, are your ſpirits ſo much dejected with ones whats Impriſonment? chear up your heart and be merry; for it may ſo fall out; that a few dayes more may bring ſome comfort to your troubled minde. Floridon marked her words very attentively, but as yet he could not poſſibly underſtand her meaning, however he returned her this anſwer, in fewrms ſuitable to his preſent condition.

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(*Sweet Lady*) VVhat your intent is to honour me with this visit, I know not; however I am oblidged to your goodnesse, for endeavouring to administer comfort to a person in misery. And were I capable of deserving so great favour from you, I should rest a little satisfied in the midst of my afflictions & sufferings; but having no other means left me to retaliate your kindnes, but by a thankful acknowledgment; you may please to accept the VVill for the Deed at present, & so by consequence I must remain your debtor. Sir, said Isabella, my visit is not worthy of such acknowledgment, for we are all bound in charity to comfort the distressed, in the number of whom I Rank you, though not in so deep a sense as you believe your self to be: And that you may conclude you are not alone miserable, I shall tell you by what means, I my self came here, where I remained for some time in as bad a condition as you are now in. For I suppose the Captain and his crew will not return until night, so that with your patience, I shall have sufficient time to informe you of my unfortunate chance.

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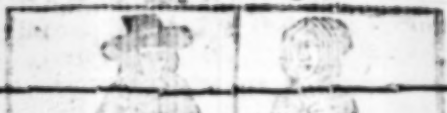

CHAP. IV.

Here *Isabella* relates to *Floridon* the place of her Birth and Breeding, and how she was Married to *Chrisippus* who was her playfellow from their childhood.

KNow (Gentle Sir) that my Native Country is Scisille, a place that abounderh with variety of all delights, where I was borne (I speak without boasting) of honourable and wealthy parents, which Death deprives me of, before I was twelve years old; but the fates so ordered it, that I was left wholly to the care of an Aunt (which was my fathers Sister, and had no children) who tendered me as much as possibly my mother could have done, for what education and breeding was fitable to my Birth and Degree, I had plentifully bestowed upon me, as well after as before the Decease of my Parents, so that I quickly found, although I was left Fatherless and Motherless, yet I was not altogether Friendless. During the time of my Minority, it was my use to be often in the company of one Chrisippus a Gentlemans son which lived near to my Fathers, two lovers playfellows from our childhood, and took great delight in the society of each other, which innocent familiarity continued and increased until we came to riper years of discretion; insomuch that we became both deeply enamoured, never counting our selves so happy as when we were together. After a long continuance of our amorous meetings, Chrisippus took an occasion to discover his affection to me in this manner.

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My dear Isabella, I know you are not ignorant of the Love that I ever bore you, since the first of our acquaintance, which I have so long smothered within my Breast, for fear to offend you, that it hath almost consumed me to Ashes; but in confidence of your goodness, I have made choyce of this opportunity to reveal my passion, rather then to Languish without hopes of redress: Then Dear Heart, return me an answer according to the desert of my Love, for it is in your Power to make me either Happy or Miserable; and since the Decease of your Parents, hath left you to your own disposing; I presume more freely to crave your consent, to bestow your affection upon me; and I shall be ever ready to recompence so great a favour with the losse of my dearest blood, whensoever you shall please to command me to spend it in your service.

I stood seemingly amazed to hear this sudain motion proceed from him, (though inward it was no more then I desired) so that after a little pause I return'd him this answer.

How comes it to passe *Chrisipus*, that you are fallen into such extremity of passion all on a suddain? I must confess I always believ'd you Loved me, when we were Children, as a playfellow, and since as an Acquaintance and Friend, in which sence I have had the same Respect and Love for you; not thinking it would produce any other effects, then what might be dispenc't with in our usual familiarity; but I must now acknowledg that I finde such an inclination in my Will, as can no way be satisfied, but by yielding to your

Motion; Therefore dear *Chriſtian* continue thy affection in ſincerity, and thou ſhalt alwayes finde thy *Iſabella* willing to comply with thy deſires, ſo farr as modeſty will permitt. This anſwer of mine was no leſs pleaſing to him, then the diſcovery of his affection was to me; ſo that after a ſhort time, we concluded to ſteal a ſecret Marriage, which we might the better bring to paſſe, becauſe my Aunt was contented, I ſhould go to a friends houſe ſome ten miles diſtant in the Country, and ſtay a week or fortnight for my Recreation.

Chriſtian would by no means have me to acquaint my Aunt with our loves, for he did believe ſhe would never give conſent to our Marriage, in regard he was a Gentleman but of a mean Fortune, which was no hinderance at all to my affection, however he thought ſhe would not ſtand out after it was done and paſt, which fell out according to his expectation; for after we were privately married in the Country, and that I was to return home again, my *Chriſtian* adviſed me to make it known to my Aunt, which I did and with Weeping Tears upon my bended Knees, I deſired her pardon, for I did it without her knowledg, becauſe I feared ſhe would not have given her conſent.

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The good old Gentlewoman seeing me in that posture, could not refrain from weeping, for she was so tender hearted, and so compassionate, that she did not shew me the least angry countenance; but told me, since the Fates had so ordered it, she would not be wanting in any thing that might procure our content, and thereupon sent for Chrisipus and gave us her Blessing, which was as great satisfaction to us, as if she had given us the greatest Treasure that might be imagined.

In this delight and content we lived for the space of two years; at the end of which time, our joyes was eclipsed by the Death of my good Aunt, who had been a continual comfort to us upon all accounts: we had great cause to lament her loss, although she left us the greatest part of her Estate, which was the cause of all our misery afterwards, as you may well perceive by this following Relation.

CHAP. V.

Isabella continues her Relation to *Floridon*, How *Chrisipus* slew her Unckles Kinsman; And how they were forced to take shiping for *Arcadia*; And how their Ship sunk, when they were within sight of Shore.

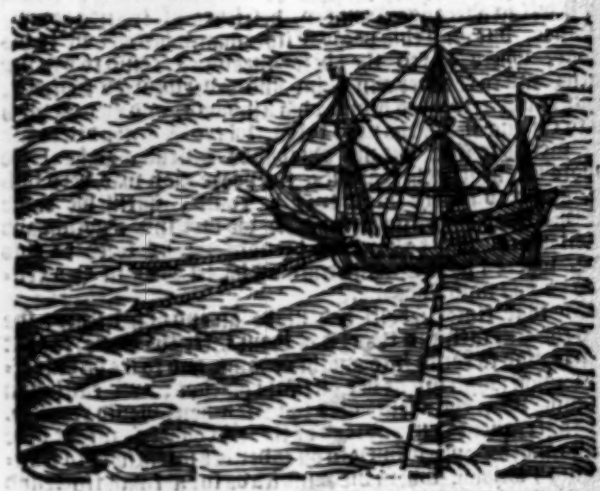
MY Aunt at her death, left a small part of her estate to a Kinsman of her Deceased Husbands, but he not being contented with what she had freely given him; laid claim to that which she had given to my Husband and me, whereupon they fell into a course of Law, which cost them a great deal of Money, but at the last, my Husband got the better, and enjoyed the Estate, though much against my Kinsmans will, for he so exceedingly stomack't it, that we should have it in despite of him, that what he could not gain by Law,

he endeavoured to compass by Treachery; for he hired two Villains which being Armed, set upon my Husband at unawares, as he was coming home one evening, and dangerously wounded him, and had surely slain him, had not two Gentlemen came accidentally to his Rescue, who presently apprehended the Villains, and had them before Authority, where they confessed the whole matter.

Not long after my Husband was recovered of his Wounds, it was his fortune to meet with his Treacherous Kinsman, who would willingly have shun'd him, but my Husband not being able to govern his Passion, call'd to him to defend himself, when he saw there was no remedy, he stayd, and both of them drew their Swords, where after a long dispute, my Chrisipus chanced to kill him. Immediately after it was made known, they laid wait to apprehend Chrisipus, who fled by night to a poore womans house, where he lay secure untill the search was over. In the mean time, they seazed on our Estate, all but some Plate and Jewels, which I convey'd away by two trusty Servants to the place where my husband was, to whom I came the night following, to know what he intended to doe, he told me for his own safety, to convey himself privately into Arcadia, where he had an Unkle, a wealthy Knight, with whom he would abide untill he might safely return into Scisily again.

When I understood his resolution, I vow'd to accompany him, and to participate of what Fortune had alotted for us.

When he see there was no other remedy, he sent his Servant to the Sea side, to provide for our passage, who returned and told him, that the evening following, we might come to the next Bay, where a Ship-master would expect us, who had special business into Arcadia. Night being come, we truck't up what we could possibly carry, and with one man and a maid, stole away to the place appointed, where according to our desire, we found the Master attending us, who willingly took us Aboard, after we promised him good pay.



By Chriſipus being afraid to be purſued, perſwaded the Maſter to put off into the Road, and there to Ride at Anchor untill it was day light, which he did, and then ſet Saile with a fair wind as could be deſired; we had as ſpeedy and brave paſſage as we could wish for, untill we were gotten within ſight of the place we intended to land at, when all of a ſudden, by what means, I know not, our Ship ſprung a leak, which in leſs then half an hour after it was diſcovered, ſunk her quite under Water: then there was ſhrieking, and crying, and throwing out Goods to ſave Life, but all in vain; for I believe the moſt of the company, (if not all) beſides my ſelf periſhed: But as the fates would have it, I happened to get upon a great Cheſt, in hopes to prolong my life, upon which Cheſt, I was driven by the winde almoſt to Shore, where a Fiſher-man eſpied me, and made what haſte he could to help me with his Boat, for I was almoſt quite ſpent. O what cauſe had I to rejoyce for my great deliverance, and what

sorrow did I endure for the loss of my dear Chrisipus; now was I left in a strange Country, destitute of friends, or any assistance, but only this poore Fisherman, who took me to his cottage, where I used the best means I could to dry my cloaths, and to recover my faint and overwearied spirits; I bountifully rewarded him for his kindness, and agreed with him to conduct me to the next town, where I intended to use some means to finde out my Husbands Uncle, Who I did suppose might live thereabouts, the poore man was very willing, and led me the safest way he could, untill we came near this wood where unfortunately we met this Captain and his followers, who took me and brought me by force to this Cave, where I have remained almost half a year in this condition as you now finde me.

By that time Isabella had made an end of her story, she heard the Captain and the rest of them enter the Cave, so that she was glad to retire into another roome, and to leave distressed Floridon admiring at her pittiful relation, and casting in his minde what the event of his imprisonment would come to. But the frequent going abroad of these Robbers, might give Isabella another opportunity to discover her intentions to Languishing Floridon, whom we must leave for a small time, and return to see what became of his dear Lucina after his departure.

Chap. VI.

How *Lucina* lamented for *Floridons* departure; And how Sir *Malpas*, when he could not gain her affection, surprized her as she came from *Loves Paradice*, and carried her to his castle by force.

The same evening that Floridon was so suddainly snatcht away by the Out-laws, His servants seeing he came not

home according to his wonted custome; some of them went to see what was become of him, but when they found he had not been with Lucina, they were all struck into amazment; especially fair Lucina, who was ready to tear her haire for griefe. Her friends sought by all possible meanes to comfort her, with hopes of finding him the next day; nevertheless she could take no rest that night, but so soon as morning appeared, she hasted to Loves Paradice expecting to finde him there, but missing of him there, her sorrow was greater then before. Then was it that she retired her self into a private Arbour, to lament the absence of her Lover in the aforegoing Ditty. Never was Lady in a greater perplexity, nor could be more sensible of so great a loss. At her return she dispatcht messengers to all places round about, with charge to use all diligence to finde him Dead or alive.

They bestowed a great while in a vain search, and at the last was forced to return without the least tidings, or hopes of finding him. But his sudain departure being considered by his friends, gave them great cause to suspect, that a Knight which lived not farr from thence, had wrought his ruine by Treachery. This Knights name was Sir Malpas, he was a Person of great Authority in those parts, but of a rugged and sterne disposition. Of a middle age, having never been Married, though he had formerly courted a Lady whose name was Mariana, untill he had won her affection, and at length basely cast her off to her great grief; This Sir Malpas bore a vehement Love to faire Lucina, and had used all possible meanes to gain her affection, but he still found his love slighted, and Floridon entertained, so that he bore an inveterate hatred to Floridon, which was the cause he was suspected of treachery (though indeed) he was not at all guilty of Floridons being surprised.

But it was not long before the newes of Floridons absence came to Sir Malpas eares, so he thought now or never to make his addresse to Lucina, and to renew his Suite. which he was in hopes he might now listen to, because she despaired ever to see Floridon again. But alass, Sir Malpas was deceived, for Lucina believing him to be the author of her Loves absence, would not so much as indure the very sight of him, but com-

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manded her servants that for the future, they should never admitt him into her presence, which so much incensed y Knight, that he resolved, if it were possible, to gain that by force, which he could not obtain by consent.

In the mean time, his old Love Mariana, hearing that he made suite to Lucina, was much inraged, and exclaimed against him for his disloyalty in sharp and bitter tearms: but when she understood Lucina's constancy to Floridon, she was a little comforted, and resolved to cheer her spirits a while longer with that sweet society in Loves Paradice, until she might see what effects this thing would produce. Sir Malpas was not at all moved with her sorrow, but used all endeavours to get Lucina into his possession, and if possible, to win her to his will, either by intreaty or else by force, which design he put in execution on this manner.

Lucina (to mitigate her sorrow for the absence of her Lover) used constantly to repaire once a day to Loves Paradice, and there to condole the loss of her Dear Floridon, which Sir Malpas observing, and waiting his opportunity, one evening as she was returning home all alone, he suddainly surprised her, and with all possible speed, conveyed her to his Castle so privately, as it was, without the knowledg of any, but those whom he might confidently trust.

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Now was *Lucina* in the saddest condition that ever poore creature was in, having lost her own liberty, and with that, the hopes of ever seeing her Lover again. Besides she was fallen into the hands of him she counted as her mortall enemy, though he gave order she should be treated with all the civility that might be, in hopes thereby to win her affection, but it was all in vain, for she was now ten times more inraged against him then before, so that for all the means that ever he could use, she would not show him the least countenance that might be. But O what mourning and lamenting was there for the loss of *Lucina* amongst her friends, when they could not finde her, for they all conclude she had made her self away in some desperate manner.

They did not at all suspect Sir Malpas treachery to *Lucina*, as they did to Floridon, because he loved *Lucina*, but he hated Floridon. For did any of her friends seem to be more troubled for her loss, then Sir Malpas, who sorrowed exceedingly, the better to clear himself from all suspicion, for he had deprived her of all means and ways to give notice of her restraint; so that she was now become as wretched as Floridon; neither of them knowing the nature of one anothers misery.

CHAP. VII.

How *Mariana* exclaimed against Sir *Malpas* for his disloyalty, whom he carelesly cast off and returned to *Lucina*, who would by no means yeild to his will: And how he resolved to remove her into *Florence*.

During the time of Lucina's restraint she had too many visits from her cruel Lover (or rather Jaylor) Sir Malpas who finding her still to persist in her obstinacy, he resolved to try her by harsher usage, and to that end, he gave order that she

should be very strictly lookt too, for he would make her know what power he had over her, now she was in his custody, and so he presently went out of the room, and walk't abroad into a pleasant meadow near adjoyning, to meditate of his own unhappiness, where in the midst of his melancholy musings, he was disturbed and encountered, by his former Love. The languishing and almost desperate Mariana.

Who finding him alone in a place so convenient, took the opportunity to accost him in this manner.

Thou false and disloyal Knight Sir *Malpas*, hast not thy ears, whilst I justly complain of thy cruel and perfidious dealings, with thy constant (though wrongfully abused) *Mariana*. How long shall I languish under the burden of thy displeasure, and be slighted and rejected for nothing but too much loving thee. Hast thou forgotten the time that thou sued to me for Love, as much as I do now to thee, remember unconstant creature that I did not continue so hard hearted to thee, as thou dost now to me. Then observe that I do but desire the like pity, as I shewed to thee in the same condition, which if thou shalt refuse to grant, be assured the gods will not fail to punish thy cruelty, but will pay thee in thy own coyne, for upon whomsoever thou shalt cast thy affection, she shall as much disdain thee, as thou now slightest me.

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These last words of hers so nearly toucht the disloyal Malpas that he hastily flung from her without returning her any answer at all, but she took so much time as to tell him, she did not fear but to see him severely punisht for his ingratitude and unconstancy. And so she retired her self to enjoy her mellancholy meditations. And he returned home to try if the disconsolate Lucina would accept of his service.

This Sir Malpas had in the Castle with him, a very Antient woman which had been his Nurse, whom he now appointed to be Lucina's Guardian, and gave her directions to use all the skill she could to perswade Lucina to yield to his Love.

This old piece of Mortality was very well skilled in Womens affairs, and left no means at all unpractised, which might work for her Masters advantage, sometimes she used all the mildest perswasions that might be, and promised her the injoyment of whatever she could desire, & when that would not take, then she fell upon her with such grievous and terrible threatnings, that she terrified poore Lucina almost to death, so that for her

own safety she thought it the best policy to seem a little to comply with their desires, and so promised the next time he came she would endeavour to satisfie him. When the old woman found her so pliant, she was very glad, for she did not doubt but the business was half done already; so that with great joy she told the doating Knight, that she should finde her in a better minde then formerly he had done, which he was glad to hear, and least by delaying time he should change her mind, he thought fit to give her a present visit, and to strike the Iron whilst it was hot; so he presently repaired to her Chamber where he found sorrowfull Lucina, with Tears in her eyes bewailing her Misfortune, to whom he addrest himself in this manner. Madam, I am very sorry to finde you in the same dejected posture as formerly you were wont to be. I intreat you to chear up your spirits, and acquaint me with the cause of your continual mourning, since you may command me to further your Content and Happiness in any thing which lyes in my power, for you know my Love is devoted to your service, and I should be heartily glad to finde a return answerable to my desire.

After a deep sigh or two, Lucina recollected her spirits a little, and spake to him in this wise.

Sir, Whether my answer may prove according to your desires or no, I know not; but I am sure it will be according to your desert. Can you expect to finde the least Love from a person so much injured as I am by you. Have you not first deprived me of my Floridon, whose love was more dear to me then the whole world besides, and since of my liberty; then which nothing can be more sweet and comfortable. Am I not here mew'd up from the society of all my Friends and Relations, and is that the way to procure my love: Oh no! the remembrance of my Floridon is more dear to me then so.

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Here Sir Malpas called Heaven and Earth to witness, that he knew nothing at all of Floridons departure, nor was in the least guilty of his losse. And then he began to excuse himself for bringing her to his Castle against her will; withall, promising her all the liberty she could desire, and what ever else might stand with her content, if she would agree and yield to his Love.

She told him, she was very uncapable as yet to listen to any such motion, and desired him to make his love appear by granting her liberty, and time to wear out her woe for the losse of her Lover, and it might be afterwards she might listen to his Suit. But he would by no means consent to let her have liberty, but still urged her for Mariage, which she was resolved within her self, rather to dye then ever to consent to it. She told him, if the fates had so order'd it, that she must be forced by his means to spend her dayes in Imprisonment, she was willing to submit to it, since she could enjoy no comfort in any place without the society of her dear Floridon, who if he were alive and should come to the knowledg of her sufferings, she made no doubt but he would take a just revenge upon the Author thereof; if not, the powers above would never suffer such Villanous treachery to passe without severe punishment. When Sir Malpas saw he could not no good of her in

that humour, he advised her to consider better of it, and so took his leave of her, and she was very glad to be rid of him, that she might return to her wonted sorrow; but he was in such a fret, that he could not imagine what to doe, for to force her to his will, he could not, but it would be known by her friends that lived so near.

So that he concluded his onely way would be to remove her into another Country for a while, where she might possibly be more willing to consent, when she see no hopes of ever returning; this resolution pleased him so well, that he intended to travail into Scisily to visit a brother which he had living there; but indeed his design was for Florence, where he intended to continue until Lucina might conforme to his will.

Chap. VIII.

How *Chrisipus* came to visit his Unkle Sir *Malpas*, and related to him the means of his escape from drowning; And how Sir *Malpas* discovered his design to *Chrisipus* of his intent to carry *Lucina* into *Florence*.

Whilst he was contriving this plot against the innocent and wronged Lucina, one of his servants came and told him that a stranger below in the Court desired to speak with him; Sir Malpas gave order he should come in, and so made haste to meet him; and as soon as he came neat him, he perceived it was Chrisipus his brothers son of Scicily, whom he kindly imbraced, and after mutual Salutation, desired to know if his Father were in health, to whom Chrisipus reply'd that his Father had been dead about half a year, and that himself had but hardly escaped death by a strange accident. Sir Malpas was very desirous to hear the relation of his adventure, which Chrisipus was willing to satisfie him in, and so related

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to his Uncle the very same story that his Isabella had told to Floridon in the Cave. First of his Marriage with Isabella, and likewise how he had slain her Uncles Kinsman, and being forced (quoth he) to flee to Arcadia for my own safety.

It hapned that our Ship sunk, where for any thing I know, all the company except my self perished, and amongst the rest my dear Isabella; for whilst every one was endeavouring to save their lives, it was my fortune to bestride an Empty Hogshead, upon which I was tumbled in the Sea, untill by chance, a crew in a Long-boat which belonged to a Scythian Pirate took me up, and carried me a Ship-board, where they pillaged me of all they could finde about me, and believing that I was so weak I could not live, they left me on shore some ten miles from this place, where they came to take in fresh water. With much adoe I got to a Farmers house, where I was courteously entertained, untill I was able to finde out your Castle, where I should count my self to be exceeding happy after all my sufferings, if it were not for the grief I indure for the loss of my Dear Isabella.

Sir Malpas was greatly moved to hear the relation of his Kinsmans sufferings, and endeavoured to comfort him; by promising to send messengers along the Sea-coast, to know if they could hear any tidings of Isabella. With such like discourse they spent the time untill it was night, when every one repaired to their rest, but Sir Malpas could take none, he was so distracted in his minde about Lucina, one while he intended to impart the matter to Chrispus, and then again he doubted that Chrispus would never consent to assist him in so ignoble an enterprise. At length his will overcame his reason, and finding he could no way bring his design about, but that Chrispus would know of it; he resolved to acquaint him with it in the morning, but in such a manner, as he might not perceive the action to be so grosse as indeed it was. The next morning Sir Malpas sent for him down into a large Parlour, where after they had taken a light breakfast, they walked out into a private Garden, which gave sufficient opportunity to Sir Malpas to discover his intentions in this manner.

Since Chrispus it is your Fortune to happen hither at this time, I shall intrust you with a secret that much concerns me, which as yet, none knows but my self; It is so that I have

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cast my affection upon a Lady much deserving, which by accident was brought to my Castle, who is so regardlesse of my love, that no perswasions will work with her. Now I finde my self unable to live without the enjoyment of her, therefore it is my resolution to remove her from hence into *Florence*, and there to remain untill I shall perswade her to yield to my will; not in the least to violate her chastity, but to consent to lawfull marriage.

Chrisipus believing the business to be no otherwise then his Uncle had related, was loath to enquire further into it, least he should offend him, and therefore return'd him this answer.

Sir if your affection be grounded upon a deserving Subject, and that without the enjoyment thereof, you can take no comfort; then I suppose you may use any lawfull means to gain her affection, and if you be in hopes that change of Countryes may either mitigate your passion, or make her more inclinable, it will not be amisse to make tryal; and for my own part Sir, you shall finde me ready to assist you in any thing which may suite with your honour and repute.

Sir Malpas was glad to finde him so conformable to his will, and thereupon he told Chrisipus, that he intended to leave him intrusted with all his whole estate, that he might return him moneys as his occasions should require, and likewise to manage his business in his absence, that nothing might be amiss at his return. And in this resolution they walk't in to consult about things convenient for their design: Where we will leave them making preparation, and return to the Cave to see how Floridon and Isabella fares, whom we left separated by the coming in of the Robbers from ranging abroad.

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CHAP. IX.

How *Isabella* dealt with the Captain by policy to preserve her chastity; And how she went once more to consule with *Floridon* about their release.

THe Captain of this gang, as I told you before: was mightily indeared in affection to Isabella, yet he never offered to abuse her honour, in regard she had in policy promised him to be wholy at his command after one years sorrowing for the loss of her husband, during which time, she would rather dye a thousand deaths, then suffer her self to be abused. So that the Captain was contented to contain himself for so long, rather then to hazard her love for the future, which he made so full account to enjoy. Isabella on the contrary, desired nothing so much as to worke her release in that time, which she had hopes the better now to effect, by Floridons assistance, in regard she perceived him to be a person with whom she might trust her life and honour. She prevailed with the Captain that Floridon might be civilly used, in regard he was a person of quality, and one that had never offended him in the least. So he gave consent, that Floridon should not be bound, but have liberty to walke about the room; notwithstanding, he told Isabella that he intended to sell him to the first Pirate which happned upon that Coast; for he did not doubt but to receive a good sum of money for him.

Isabella thought long to have an opportunity to acquaint Floridon with his intent, which happned the next day, when the Robbers were gone abroad according to their constant use: then she went to visit disconsolate Floridon, to whom she revealed this sad news, which so much troubled his minde, that he dispaired ever to see his Lucina again, who (though unknown to him) was in as sad a condition as himself.

Iſabella ſeeing him ſo overcome with griefe, endeavoured to comfort him all ſhe could, and told him; that her condition was altogether as bad as his and rather worſe: for though he was taken from his Lucina, who probably is living & in health, ſhe was depriued of her Chriſipus, who (for any thing ſhe knew) was ſwallowed up of the mercileſs ſeas: And therefore ſhe deſired him to take comfort and to endeavour their releaſe, to the furtherance whereof, ſhe promiſed her utmoſt aſſiſtance, upon condition he would ingage to conuey her home again into Sciſily, for having loſt her Chriſipus, ſhe could not think her ſelf in ſafety any where elſe. Floridon was much reuiued to hear theſe comfortable ſpeeches from Iſabella, for he was willing to promiſe and likewiſe to perform any thing to get out of the hands of theſe wicked wretches, ſo that he thus replyed.

Courteous Lady, I am bound beyond all expreſſion to your worth and goodneſſe, for all the civility that I have found ſince I came amongſt theſe barbarous and uncivil Villains, ſo that *I* am never able to requite your kindneſſe, whilſt I remain in this condition. But Madam, if the Fates ſhall once free us from this wretched captivity, I ſhall to the utmoſt of my power, ſtrive to ſerve you in whatſoever may procure your content.

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She courteously thanked him for his Love, and told him she did not fear but Providence would finde some way for their release ere long, and so she took her leave, for fear the Captain should return and finde her with him, which might prove much to the prejudice of them both.

It was not long before the Captain came fretting and fuming for the loss of one of his men, which was slain at a skirmish by some travellers, which they set upon to Robb: so that he had now but six men left, two to guard the Cave, and foure to goe abroad with him, to look out for provision. But he did not much value it, for he trusted most to the strength and obscurity of the Cave, which was so overgrown with bushes and brambles, that it was almost impossible ever to finde it out. But it is now time to leave them a while to their wicked practise, and see what preparation Sir Malpas makes for his journey with Lucina into Florence.

Chap. X.

How Sir *Malpas* and his company carrying away *Lucina*; Was set upon by the Out-laws, which belonged to the Cave, betwixt whom there was a very sharp Fight; And how *Floridon* found *Lucina*, and *Chrisipus*, *Isabella* at this encounter, where Sir *Malpas* and the Captain was both slain.

This Knight Sir Malpas had a long debate, with his Kinsman Chrisipus, in what manner to break the matter to Lucina; at length it was agreed that Sir Malpas should go in person, and let her know, that he had an intention for his recreation, to remove for a small time with part of his family to another house, which he had at the further side of the Province, where she should enjoy her liberty and whatever else might yield her either satisfaction or delight. When he had told

told Lucina this story and expected her answer; she replyed again, That since by his treachery she was fallen into his custody, he might carry her whether he pleased by force, but he should never enjoy her company one minuite by consent, neither did she doubt but the Powers above in recompence of her wrong, would showre down some fearfull judgment upon him before he came to his journeys end. These threatnings nothing at all terrified the treacherrus knight, for he still persisted in his resolution, and kept his answer private from Chrisipus, smoothing over to him after another manner, so that nothing remaind now, but to get al things in readiness to set forward. When Sir Malpas had called his Servants together he gave them all charge to be subject to his Kinsman Chrisipus untill his return, then he gave order to have all things made ready for so long a journey, and appointed foure men to goe along with him, whereof two was to return back with Chrisipus, who would needs goe along with him to see them safely Shipt. All things being made ready, they set forward in the morning before it was day light, for fear that any body should discover Lucina to be in his company, who (poor soul) travailed with a sad and heavy heart, but on the contrary, Sir Malpas was chearfull and merry, thinking he had escaped all danger; when indeed, it was but just approaching: For by that time they had rid about twelve miles on their journey, two of the servants being about half a mile before with the Sumpter Horse, they were seaz'd upon by the aforesaid robbers belonging to the Cave, and immediately drawn into the wood, which Sir Malpas and Chrisipus espying with another of the servants; they clapt spurrs to their horses to pursue in all haste, and left one servant to bring along Lucina after them, which he might easily doe, they made such a noise all the way they rid. It was not long before they overtook these Robbers, who was gotten almost to the Cave with such a booty, as they had never yet happned on before. But Chrisipus told them they should buy that treasure at a dearer rate, before it proved to be their purchase. So by that time the servant with Lucina came to them, they were all with their swords drawn, dealing blows very freely; Chrisipus laid about him like a mad man, and Sir Malpas and his servants behaved

haved themselves very stoutly, and had much the better of the frap, but the two theeves which were left to guard the Cave, seeing their Captain and fellows in such danger, ran with all speed to their succour, and for haste by good fortune left the entrance of the Cave open, which Isabella perceiving, she went presently to tell Floridon, that the Robbers were all in fight with a company of travailers and had left the Cave open, and that now was the time to purchase their liberty.

Floridon stood not long to pause, after he got out of his prison, but snatch't up a good Sword which he found in the next roome and made haste to help the gentlemen, who was almost worsted by the Robbers. But so soon as Floridon came amongst them, he did so bestir him, that with the help of Chri-

sipus, they had quickly killed three of the Villains, but in the mean time, the Captain had given Sir Malpas a mortall wound in the side, and turning his horse hastily to strike at Chrisipus, the horse chanced to fall and broke the Captains thigh-bone; the rest of the Thieves seeing three of their company slain, and their Captain disabled to fight; they fled with speed, but Chrisipus pursued them, till on a sudden, he met his Isabella coming from the Cave, to his great wonder and admiration.

But when Isabella saw Chrisipus, she was so transported with joy, that she had not power for the present to speak to him. In the mean time, Lucina perceiving it was Floridon which came so fortunately to their aid; she ran to him and had like to have swooned in his armes for joy. But so soon as Sir Malpas servants saw it was Floridon, whom their Master so much hated, they all set upon him to have slain him. Then Isabella cryed out to Chrisipus to save him, who presently commanded the servants to put up their swords, and see what condition their master was, in whom they found to be dangerously wounded.

Whilst they were busie about Sir Malpas. Floridon had time to imbrace Lucina, and Chrisipus, Isabella, all admiring by what chance they were so strangely brought together, but had not time at present to relate; onely Lucina told Floridon, how that treacherous knight intending her ruine had wrought his own destruction. Isabella desired Chrisipus to accept of Floridon as a friend, and Floridon knowing Chrisipus to be Isabella's Husband, was heartily glad they were so happily met together again. Chrisipus craved pardon of Floridon and Lucina, since what he did to assist his Uncle he did ignorantly, not knowing any thing of Lucina's betraying, nor of his Uncles Treachery. So that now being all reconciled, they left the relation of their adventures untill a fitter opportunity, and went to visit the wounded Knight. But when Sir Malpas lift up his eyes and see Floridon standing by him, he was confounded with shame and remorse of conscience, for the wrong he had done Lucina; but Floridon seeing him in that condition, was more willing to pardon his wicked actions, then to take revenge upon a dying man. Therefore he advised Chrisipus to convey him to the next Town to have his Wounds drest, that if it were possible he might live to repent and amend his wicked life.

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When they had set Sir Malpas on horse-back, and a man behinde him to hold him on, and ordered two servants more to attend him to the next Town, then they went to see what condition the Captain of the Out-laws was in, whom they found to be stark dead; for when he saw some of his men slain, and the rest fled, and finding himself in that extremity of pain and torture, knowing the Law would take his life, to prevent that, he stab'd himself with his own sword; so that there needed no further administration of Justice, upon so notorious a Malefactor: When they saw he was dead, Floridon and Chrysipus took away his Horse and Arms, and went to search the Cave, where they found but very little of any thing which was considerable, so they lockt the doore of the Cave, and taking Lucina and Isabella along, they rode to the next Justice of Peace, and acquainted him with all that had hapned, who presently appointed Officers to go bury the dead bodies, and to take whatever was in the Cave, to be sold for the use of the poor of the Parish, and to break up, and utterly demolish the Cave, that it might not be a shelter to such villains for the future. Then Floridon and Chrysipus, with Lucina and Isabella, rid to the Town, where the servants had carried Sir Malpas, to have his wounds dress; when they came to him, the Chyrurgion was still searching his wound, and told them he found it to be incurable, nevertheless he might live two or three days longer: which Sir Malpas understood and desired he might die at his own Castle, and be buried with his Predecessors.

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CHAP. XI.

How they carried Sir *Malpas* to his Castle, where he dyed very penitent, and was nobly buried, and how *Floridon* and *Lucina* was welcomed home with great joy, and how they went to take leave of *Loves Paradice*.

ACcording to Sir Malpa's desire, Chrisipus took care to provide a Horse-litter and all things necessary for his removall, and commanding the servants to march easily along, they all accompanied the wounded Knight; when upon their journey they had sufficient time to declare to each other all their forepast sufferings and deliverances. Then Lucina made known all Sir Malpa's Treachery, which so amazed Chrisipus that he heartily repented that he had ever assisted his Uncke in so ignoble and base an enterprize. Floridon was very willing for Isabella's sake, to passe by all his ignorant faultings, and so from that time there was an intire league of friendship betwixt them. By that time they had understood Lucina's sufferings, Floridon began and told them of his being taken by the Outlaws and carried to the Cave. And Chrisipus and Isabella, related the means of their deliverance from shipwrack: With such like discourse they past away the time untill they were come to Sir Malpa's Castle, where Floridon and Lucina would have taken their leaves, but Chrisipus earnestly intreated them since his Uncke had so short a time to live, that they would stay to be witnesse how he disposed of his Estate at his Death. As it was a reasonable request, so they could not civilly deny it. Then they took wounded Sir Malpas and carried him to bed, where he lay for a while so stupified with pain, that he knew not where he was.

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At length when he came to himself, he told Chrisipus he was very glad he had found his Isabella again, who he feared had been lost; and since he had [illegible] to continue, he was willing to settle his Estate upon Chrisipus and his Sister together. And thereupon he made his Will, and gave Legacies to all his Servants, and a good sum of money to the poor, being very charitable at his Death, although he never was so before. When he had set all things in order, he then began to reflect upon his wicked dealings with Floridon and Lucina, and earnestly beg'd their pardon and forgiveness, since by his own folly, he had procured his death, they could desire no greater satisfaction.

He acknowledged it to be no more, but what he had deserv'd: Full, for describing Mariana, and afterwards for endeavouring to wrong Floridon and Lucina, who seeing him so penitent, they were moved with compassion, and freely forgave him for all the wrong that he had done them.

But still Don Dalpas lay in this sad condition, just at the point of Death; it chanced that Mariana hearing news of it, came to visit him: but when she saw him almost dead, and understood by what means he had procured his own Death, she was almost distracted. When Don Dalpas saw her so near him, whom he had so much wronged: He with a feeble voice, desired her, Not to disturbe him at his Death, but freely to forgive all his miscarriages, that he might go out of the World in Peace of Conscience.

She had scarce done speaking to him again, before he dyed, and left them all exceedingly satisfied by his penitent Death.

Then Chrisipus prepared all things necessary for his Burial, and would by no means suffer Floridon and Lucina to depart untill the Burial were past, which lasted a week, for he was very nobly Buried according to his Quality.

As soon as Mariana had seen her Beloved Malpas buried, she took leave of the Company with great sorrow, and retired to Loves Paradice to spend the rest of her dayes.

Now was Chrisipus and Isabella possessed of their Unkles Estate, to Floridon and Lucina's great joy; who having seen all things decently performed, courteously took their leaves of Chrisipus and Isabella, who would needs go part of their way with them, but that Floridon would by no means suffer them, in regard their Unkle was so lately Buried. Very many expressions of kindness passed amongst them, and as much were

were they indeared one to another, as if they had been near Relations.

Now had Floridon and Lucina their hearts [illegible], and passed chearfully along untill they came to their own habitations. But to tell with what [illegible] were welcomed by their Friends, Relations, and Servants, it would tire any tongue to relate. There was Ringing of Bells, and making of Bone-fires, and all little enough to make known their happy arrival; There could not possibly be more sorrow shown for their loss, then there was expressions of Joy for their safe return: Their Friends stood in admiration to hear them relate in what a strange manner they were surpriz'd and carried away, especially when they heard of Sir Malpas's Treachery, and of the cause of his Death.

But after Floridon and Lucina had continued a while amongst their Relations, to rest themselves after all their troubles They agreed to go once more to Loves Paradice, to take leave of that Amorous Society, which was so sorry for their abscence: when they were once entered into that delightfull place, the thoughts of all their former sufferings were quite vanished; now they enjoy'd each others company, which they valued more then the whole World.

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ſorrowful when they underſtood they came to take their laſt farewell.

Nevertheleſs they entertain'd them with all the choice delights that might be imagined, ſo long as they were pleaſed to continue amongſt them: but at length, Floridon and Lucina being deſirous to return, after abundance of Ceremonies paſt, and a great deal of ſorrow expreſt on both ſides, for their departure from that place of Pleaſure; they ſolemnly took leave of that ſweet company, and return'd home once more to prepare for their Nuptial Day.

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CHAP. XII.

How *Floridon* and *Lucina* were Maried with great Solemnity, to the exceeding Joy and Satisfaction of all their Friends and Relations.

THe day being appointed for the Celebration of that joyfull Marriage betwixt Floridon and Lucina, they sent to invite all their Friends and Relations both far and near; amongst the rest, they did not forget Chrispus and Isabella, for they reckoned them among the choice of their guess. Nor did they want the society belonging to Loves Paradice; but all came to be witness to the joyfull Uniting of so choice a couple. Great provision was made for their entertainment, and all things provided that heart could wish or desire.

The season of the year seeing to furnish them with the choicest Delicates, and pleasant Fruits; and the flourishing Gardens to adorn them with variety of sweet smelling Flowers to delight the Senses.

Their Friends being come at the appointed time, Floridon and Lucina appeard in the greatest Splendor that ever couple was seen in before. O how Lucina shined with Burnisht Gold and Orient Pearl, enough to Ravish the beholders with admiration, she lookt so like a Creature Divine. Then were they conducted to a Chappel near adjoyning in a Noble Equipage; where after the Solemnity of their Marriage Rites were decently performed, they returned back again in the same order. At their return, servants were attending to conduct them into Princely Romes, where they were entertained with a most sumptuous Dinner, suitable to the quality of such Noble Guests. There was variety of all things that might give satisfaction, and plenty of rich Wines to please their Pallats. Besides it did very much delight the invited Guess, to see every thing brought up in such comely order.

Dinner being past, they entertaind one another with pleasant Discourse for some few hours; after which they were presented with a Rich and Costly Banquet, furnisht with variety of all sorts of Delicates, whilst the rarest Musique delighted them with ear-pleasing Harmony. After which, the young Gallants being desirous to satisfie the eyes, then with some pleasing pastime for their Recreation: they so ordered it, that all the Beautious Virgins which were present at this Marriage, should be seated in orderly Array in a spatious Room, out of which there should be chosen one to be Princess of Loves Paradice for the year following, and it should be left to her to make choice of whom she pleased, to be Prince for the same time. But they were at great debate how this Princess should be chosen, without giving offence to the rest. When one of the company told them, there was a Blackamore Boy belonging to the Musique, who (if they were so pleased) might make choyce without any partiality. They

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all approved of the conceit, and so the Ladyes being seated, the Boy was brought into the Room, and ordred by his Master (whose Language he best understood) to take out that Lady by the hand, which he liked best of all that company. The Boy being amazed to see so many rare Beauties fix their eyes upon him, stood a while, as if he had been senseless, but being urged by his Master to proceed, he went from one to another, and looked wishly in the face of every one of them, untill he had taken a view of them all; and at last perceiving one amongst them, whose hair and eye-brow's were as black as a Raven, he presently took her by the hand and led her to his Master, which moved exceeding laughter in the company, to see him refuse the greatest Beauties, and take one which he thought to be nearest to his own Complexion.

The Princess being thus chosen, she presently made choice of the party she most affected to be Prince. Then were they both crowned with delicate Garlands, richly beautified with fragrant Flowers.

After which, the whole company yielded obedience to them, and honoured them as their supream, Then she Prince gave order, that those which belonged to his society, should all make ready to depart; they quickly obey'd his command, and after leave taken of Floridon and Lucina, and of the rest of the company; they walkt in decent order to Loves Paradice, where we will leave them to the enjoyment of their innocent pastime.

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Now was Floridon and Lucina left with their dearest Friends and nearest Relations, whom they would by no means suffer to depart, untill their Birth and Feasting were all past, which continued for many dayes. During which time, they had much discourse with Chrisippus and Isabella about sundry things, especially about their former Sufferings and Troubles, which afforded them the greater content, now they were come to the real enjoyment of each other.

After several days past in Feasting, Dancing, and many other Pastimes, the company began to drop away, and take leave one by one, according as their business did require; so at last there was but very few left besides Chrisippus and Isabella, whose occasions call'd for them at home, as well as the rest; but when Floridon perceived they were desirous to depart, he endeavoured to perswade them to a longer stay, for he was very unwilling to part with them, but they could by no means consent, since they had already stay a the utmost of their time. Then was there [illegible] promises past on both sides of frequent visits from each other: And so after a thousand good wishes to every one of their Friends and Relations, they all courteously took leave of the thrice happy Floridon and Lucina; whom after all their Troubles, Dangers, and sufferings; we leave comfortably unised, to their own desires and Hearts Content.

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Reader, If my endeavours to please thee herein, may purchase thy kinde acceptance; I shall (God willing) ere long, present thee with a second part, which I hope may give thee further content.

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